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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: HARTLEY

SERIAL NO: 09/445,439

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FILED: FEBRUARY 23, 2000

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1616

FOR: DRUG TARGETING SYSTEM,  
METHOD OF ITS PREPARATION  
AND ITS USE

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 10, 2000, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-40 without prejudice and insert therefor the following new claims:

--41. A drug targeting system for administration to a mammal, comprising:

a) nanoparticles made of a polymeric material, said nanoparticles being free of a surfactant surface coating and comprising said polymeric material, one or more physiologically effective substances to be delivered to said mammal, and one or more stabilizers for said nanoparticles for effecting targeting of said one or more physiologically effective substances to a specific site within or on a mammalian body, said one or more stabilizers being selected from the group consisting of polysorbate 85, polysorbate 81,